Local Government and public Involvement in Health Act 2007

The Stafford Borough (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Stafford Order 2026

Made 22nd October 2026

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

Stafford Borough Council ("the Council"), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act"), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 8 September 2026.

The Council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons, and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient.

The Council in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section.

The Council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98(3), 98(4) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

Citation and commencement

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Stafford Borough (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Stafford Order 2026.

   (2) Subject to subparagraphs (3) and (4) below it shall come into force on 1 April 2027.

   (3) Articles 8 and 9 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

   (4) For the purposes of:
   (a) this article;
   (b) article 5; and
   (c) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors for the parish of Stafford to be held on the ordinary day of election for councillors in 2027;
   This Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. In this Order –

   "Borough" means the borough of Stafford

   "Map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Stafford Borough (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Stafford Order 2026" and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act; and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number;

   "New Parish" means the parish constituted by article 4;

   "Ordinary Day of Election of Councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and

"Registration Officer" means an officer appointed for the purposes of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Effect of the Order

3. This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

Constitution of a New Parish

4. (1) A new parish, comprising the area outlined with a red line on the Map, shall be constituted within the Borough.

(2) The name of the new parish shall be Stafford.

(3) The new parish shall have the alternative style of Town.

Calculation of Budget Requirement

5. For the purposes of regulation 3 of the Local Government Finance (New Parishes)(England) Regulations 2008 there is specified in relation to the parish of Stafford the sum of £664,599.69

Parish Council for the Parish of Stafford

6. (1) There shall be a parish council for the parish of Stafford.

(2) The name of that council shall be Stafford Town Council.

Elections for the Parish of Stafford

7. (1) Elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Stafford shall be held on the ordinary day of elections in 2027.

(2) The term of office of every parish councillor elected on the ordinary day of elections in 2027 for the parish of Stafford shall be four years.

(3) There will be an election for councillors of the parish of Stafford on the ordinary day of election in 2031 and every 4 years thereafter.

Number of Parish Councillors for the Parish of Stafford

8. The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Stafford shall be nineteen (19).

Wards of the parish of Stafford and numbers of parish councillors

9. (1) The parish of Stafford shall be divided into 11 wards which shall be named as set out in column (1) of Schedule 1.
(2) Each ward shall comprise the area of the Borough specified in respect of the ward in column (2) of that Schedule and demarcated on the Map by orange lines.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be the number specified in respect of the ward in column (3) of Schedule 1.

Annual Meeting of Parish Council

10. The annual meeting of the new parish council in 2027 shall be convened by the Chief Executive of Stafford Borough Council. The meeting shall take place no later than 14 days after the day on which the councillors elected to the new parish council take office.

Electoral register

11. The Registration Officer for the Borough shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequences of, this Order.

Transfer of property, rights and liabilities

12. The land, property, rights and liabilities described in Schedule 2 shall transfer from Stafford Borough Council to Stafford Town Council on the date specified in column (2) of that Schedule.

Transitional provision

13. Until the councillors elected to the council of the new parish of Stafford at the elections to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027 come into office, the new parish shall be represented by those persons who immediately before 1 April 2027 are the elected councillors for Stafford Borough Council electoral wards of Baswich, Common, Coton, Doxey and Castletown, Forebridge, Highfields and Western Downs, Holmcroft, Littleworth, Manor, Penkside, Rowley, Weeping Cross and Wildwood.

Order date

14. 1 April 2027 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Sealed with the seal of the Council on 22 October 2026.

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Authorised Signatory

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Schedule 1

Wards of the Parish of Stafford

Names and Areas of Wards and Numbers of Councillors

Column (1)	Column (2)	Column (3)
Name of Ward	**Area of Ward**	**Number of Councillors**
Baswich	The Borough ward of Baswich	2
Common	The Borough ward of Common	1
Coton	The Borough ward of Coton	2
Forebridge	The Borough ward of Forebridge	1
Highfields and Western Downs	The Borough ward of Highfields and Western Downs	2
Holmcroft	The Borough ward of Holmcroft	2
Littleworth	The Borough ward of Littleworth	2
Manor	The Borough ward of Manor	2
Penkside	The Borough ward of Penkside	1
Rowley and Castletown	The Borough ward of Rowley plus the Borough ward of Doxey and Castletown (but excluding the parish of Doxey)	2
Weeping Cross and Wildwood	The Borough ward of Weeping Cross and Wildwood	2



Schedule 2

Land and Property to be transferred

Column (1)	Column (2)
Description of Property	**Date**
Allotment Gardens site at the rear of Sandon Road adjacent to Tenby Drive, being part of the land comprised within Title Number SF527288	1 April 2027
Astonfields Allotment Gardens site being part of the unregistered land comprised within a conveyance between British Soda Company Limited and The Mayor Aldermen Burgesses of the Borough of Stafford dated 24th March 1972	1 April 2027
Holmcroft Allotment Gardens site being land comprised within Title Number SF505873, and part of the land comprised within Title Number SF527126	1 April 2027
Oxford Gardens Allotment site between Oxford Gardens and Chesham Road being land comprised within Title Number SF527113	1 April 2027
Eccleshall Road Allotment Gardens site known as Cemetery Site being part of land comprised within Title Number SF527738	1 April 2027
Sandon Road / Sheridan Hall Allotment Gardens site adjacent to St Patrick's Church being part of the unregistered land comprised within a conveyance between Staffordshire Farmers Limited and The Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Stafford dated 25th September 1958	1 April 2027
Oxford Gardens Allotment site being part of land held by Stafford Borough Council under the Stafford Corporation Act 1880	1 April 2027
Tithe Barn Road Allotment Gardens site, adjacent to recreation field being part of land held by Stafford Borough Council under the Stafford Corporation Act 1880	1 April 2027

Tixall Road Allotment Gardens site at rear of Avon Rise (Kingston Hill) being part of land comprised within Title Number SF521631	1 April 2027
Tixall Road (Avon Hill) Allotment Gardens site adjacent to 10 The Hollow, being part of land comprised within Title Number SF521631	1 April 2027
St George's Road Allotment Gardens site adjacent to 10 The Hollow, being part of land comprised within Title Number SF510840	1 April 2027
Herbert Road Allotment Gardens site, south side of Wolverhampton Road bridge A449, being land comprised within Title Number SF268777	1 April 2027
Wolverhampton Road A449 Rising Brook Corner (Model Allotment site) together with the former air raid shelter being part of land comprised within Title Number SF520089	1 April 2027
West Way Allotment Gardens site at Wolverhampton Road end, being part of land comprised within Title Number SF544161	1 April 2027
Barnes Road Allotment Gardens site (by Working Men's club), being part of land comprised within Title Number SF518298	1 April 2027
Hawksmoor Road (rear of) Allotment Gardens site, being land comprised within Title Number SF514171	1 April 2027
Exeter Street / Sidney Avenue Allotment Gardens site, being part of land comprised within Title Number SF539100	1 April 2027
Rickerscote Allotment Gardens site (rear of St Peter's Gardens), being part of land comprised within Title Number SF543046 and part of land comprised within Title Number SF556591	1 April 2027
Silkmore Crescent Allotment Gardens site, being part of land comprised within Title Number SF514122	1 April 2027
Wildwood Allotment Gardens site adjacent to recreation area, being part of land	1 April 2027

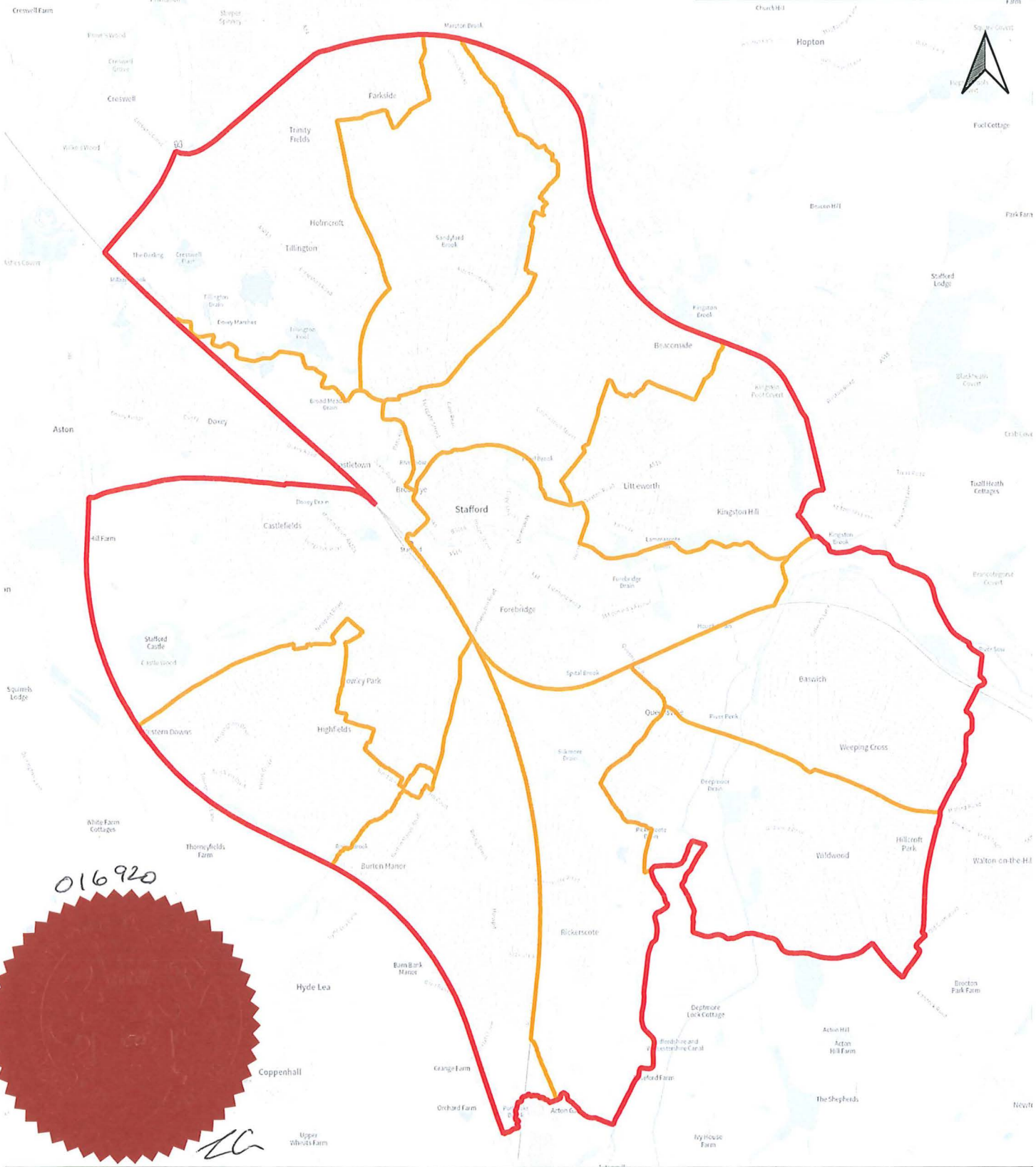
comprised within Title Number SF520603 and part of land comprised within Title Number SF520136	
Wildwood Allotment Gardens site extended plot being part of land comprised within Title Number SF520603	1 April 2027

The said land and property is transferred together with and subject to all subsisting leases, agreements, easements and other rights and liabilities relating to or affecting it.



Stafford Town Council Ward Boundaries

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